

Lower Valley Fire District

November 9, 2021

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lower Valley Fire Protection District was called to order at 6:00 pm by Cullen Purser after prior notice of the meeting was given. Roll was taken, and the following directors were present Larry Overbye, Cullen Purser, Mark Bonella, Jesse Mease and Derek Elder. Also present were Chief Cavaliere, Bette Burnett, Melissa Schmalz, Matt Katzenberger, Travis Holder, Cheyenne Conn-Pfertsh, Ben Gardener, Ben Linzey, Thomas Creel, Carrie Barber, Tony Svaldi, Doug Stassen, Troy Seal, Tim Struble, Mike Banks, Kelly Banks, Dillon Osborne, Matt White. Conference call in from Beau Schmalz, Jesse Stocking,.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Carrie Barber led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS COMMENTS/REQUESTS

N/A

Lower Valley Fire Protection District Board President Cullen Purser asked for an amendment to the agenda as written for the November 9, 2021 Board Meeting; to add a topic under New Business as #4.

Motion was made by Jesse Mease to approve the amendment to the agenda. **Motion** was seconded by Derek Elder. **Motion** passed with 5 yes votes

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

N/A

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Derek Elder to approve the minutes of the October 14 ,2021 Regular Board Meeting. **Motion** was seconded by Mark Bonella. **Motion** was passed by 5 yes votes.

Motion was made by Jesse Mease to approve the minutes of the October 14 ,2021 Special Executive Board Meeting. **Motion** was seconded by Derek Elder. **Motion** passed with 5 yes votes.

Motion was made by Larry Overbye to approve the minutes of the November 4 ,2021 Special Executive Board Meeting. **Motion** was seconded by Mark Bonella. **Motion** passed with 5 yes votes.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion was made by Derek Elder to pay the bills in the amount of \$59,767.05. **Motion** was seconded by Larry Overbye. **Motion** was passed with 5 yes votes.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

Bette Burnett gave the financial report. **Motion** was made by Mark Bonella to accept the financial report of \$2,524,965.59. **Motion** was seconded by Jesse Mease. **Motion** was passed by 5 yes votes.

REPORTS & UPDATES

Administrative

Bette Burnett gave the administrative report.

Administrative Offices will be closed on November 11, 2021 in observance of Veteran's Day.

Peachtree has been converted over to Quickbooks. There is still some information that has to be entered to be complete.

Christmas Appreciation Dinner will be on December 11, 2021 at Adobe Creek after the Fruita Parade of Lights, around 6:30

Chief

Chief Cavaliere gave the report. No new progress on finding a new ladder truck.

The entrance exam to fill the 1 open Firefighter position is scheduled for November 19, 2021.

EMS Council award of \$750.00 was given to Lower Valley Fire Protection District for recruitment and retention, and another \$1,568.68 for a defibrillator for the front office.

Thanksgiving Dinner will be on November 17, 2021; 6:00pm at Station 31.

Lt. Mulkey will be starting the process for the EMS Provider grant for 4 new cardiac monitors and Lt. Holder will be starting the FEMA AFG grant for new turnout gear.

The 4x4 ATV has been sold. Lower Valley Fire Protection District is waiting on delivery of the new 6x6 side-by-side. The old 6x6 will go up for sale after delivery of the new one.

Price comparisons are being done for the big boat to determine its value.

Officers

Captain Matt Katzenberger gave the report. New recruits; started with 10 for reserve recruitment, possibly 6 will be moving forward to orientation, 4 of the 6 will need full academy, 2 already have certifications and would just need orientation.

Lieutenant

No Update.

Union #5265

Union President Ben Gardner gave the report. They are glad to finally have a full Board of Directors and also complimented the Board. The changes have led to an uptick in moral. Continue with open communications.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

N/A

NEW BUSINESS

1) Resolution 11/4-2021 Monthly Write/offs

Motion was made by Derek Elder to accept the resolution of monthly write/offs for November 9, 2021 in the amount of \$129,072.60. **Motion** was seconded by Jesse Mease. **Motion** was passed with 5 yes votes.

2) Foam controller on Engine 32 went out. Chief Cavaliere is requesting up to \$2,600.00 for replacement. Board member Mark Bonella suggested no more than \$3000.000.

Motion was made by Mark Bonella to approve up to \$3000.00 for the purchase of a new foam controller. **Motion** was seconded by Jesse Mease. **Motion** was passed with 5 yes votes.

3) Chief Cavaliere gave the insurance update. Lower Valley would like to change to the Anthem Platinum EPO.

Motion was made by Jesse Mease to approve the change to the Anthem Platinum EPO. **Motion** was seconded by Mark Bonella. **Motion** passed with 5 yes votes.

4) Lower Valley Fire Protection District President Cullen Purser read a letter submitted by Michelle William – Administrative Manager on her intent to retire with her last day set for November 19, 2021.

Motion was made by Mark Bonella to change the Organization Chart to reflect immediately that Administration Branch and everyone below administration would come under the direct responsibility of the Chief. The Chief will go back to the Board with recommendations on how the administration organization will be set up. **Motion** was seconded by Derek Elder. **Motion** passed with 5 yes votes.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Larry Overbye to adjourn the November 9 ,2021 Board Meeting . **Motion** was seconded by Derek Elder. **Motion** passed with 5 yes votes.

